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Dear Parents, Carers, Students and Staff

Weekly Bulletin #33

Miss a Day - Miss Out!

Quite possibly, our most favourite thing to do here at QEGS is to reward our students and we would like to introduce our latest reward, 'Miss a Day - Miss Out!' Between the dates of 14th to the 28th of June 2021 all students in Years 7-10 who have 100% attendance (between those dates) will be eligible to enter a draw for a prize with a value of £100.00, and we have asked our students to suggest what that prize could be. We are really looking forward to reading the suggestions and very excited for the draw!

Year 11 Transition Days

Students attending the QEGS Sixth Form in September 2021 started their two-week taster sessions for their selected A-levels and BTEC qualifications to fully prepare them ready for their post-16 journey.

A group of Year 11 students were invited to a one-night residential trip to Hagg Farm on Wednesday 9th until Thursday 10th June 2021. The purpose of this trip was for students to build on their employability skills and to support our students with the transition from Year 11 to their post-16 option.

Students took part in caving, high ropes, climbing, orienteering and an evening around the campfire. An exhilarating experience for all involved!



Year 12 Student's Media Campaign

As part of their Digital Media course, Year 12 students conduct a live media campaign. This year they are promoting a running group in Ripley and their new programmes for running beginners.

Students design and implement their own strategy and then carry out their media campaign. One of the strategies they decided to use was to write a press-release and send out to local media organisations. This attracted the attention of BBC East Midlands Today and, just before half-term, Louise E and Mr Illsley took part in a Zoom interview with one of their reporters. Alfie T and Alex C gave up the first Saturday of their holidays to head to Dovedale and gather some film of the group, which the BBC are planning to use. The report is scheduled to be aired on East Midlands Today at 6.30pm on Friday 11th June, as part of their 'Make a Difference' series of reports.

Online Safety

Many people are unaware that Facebook accounts can be used to store payment information and there have been reports recently of unauthorised payments originating from there. To check yours and remove any payment details on a mobile device:

1. Press the three lines at the bottom-right.
2. Press 'See more'.
3. Press 'Facebook pay' and it will show you if you have any payment methods registered. If you have, you can remove them from here.

On a desktop/laptop device click 'See more' on the left-hand sidebar, then follow the steps above.

And also:

Our Digital Footprints have been in the news again recently, with England test cricketer Ollie Robinson's test debut overshadowed by offensive tweets posted almost a decade ago. Next week, students will receive an assembly about the issue, and you can watch that here: <https://youtu.be/27ZgkuUZWrg>. This could be used to stimulate a discussion about young people protecting themselves and their futures.

Welcome Back to Primary Sports at QEGS

This week school welcomed back 141 Primary School students to the QEGS Sports fields to take part in athletic events. Thank you PE Team!

Thank a Teacher

If you would like to send a 'thank you' message to a teacher, please use <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/> to send a free 'Thank a Teacher' card to a teacher you would like to thank. The school which receives the 'most thanked staff' will also win a prize, can you help it be QEGS?

Geography Competition Winners!

Congratulations to the winners of last half terms geography competition which was to draw, paint or model the students own choice for the seven wonders of the modern world. Prizes were handed out during form time to James B (3rd place) Kacie E (2nd place) and Irene T (1st Place). Congratulations to them! and well done to all who took part. The winning entry can be seen on the QEGS Geography Twitter Page. This term's new competition will be introduced next week!

Finally

Please continue to remind your children about safe routines in and out of school. We are hearing of a number of schools and communities where new Covid variants are on the increase, resulting in large numbers of students self-isolating at home. Firstly, we want everyone to be safe and well. Secondly, we want your children to be able to attend school. Hands, face and space are still the basis of our safety protocols. Out of school, it is also important that our young people continue to follow the guidance for social gatherings indoors and outdoors, with limited mixing, and maintaining social distancing.

Stay safe, stay well and have a fantastic weekend.

Yours faithfully



Mr S Garrity
Headteacher